CHARING THE WOLF.

Pr. Pasteur's Mojik Patients-Stories

of the Posts of the Steppes of

Eussia and Seberm.

New York World:

Mr. John P. Jackson writes in the

Inoculation as a preventive of bydro-

phobia has received another set-back

in the cabled report of the deaths of

some of Pasteur's patients. The vic-

sian mujiks, who, with eighteen others,

had been bitten on the 1st of March

last by "mad" wolves. Dr. Pasteur is

informed by physicians from Russia that

bites from rabid wolves are very common

in Russia, and that 95 per cent. of those

bitten by such brutes die of hydropho

bia. This is the first time that the

world has heard anything about mad

wolver, and proofs of the assertions of

the Russian physicians will be awaited

with interest. At the inquest held

upon the body of one of the hapless

mujiks, however, an examination re-

vealed the presence in the man's cheek-

bone of a portion of a decayed tooth

that undoubtedly belonged to the wolf

by which he had been bitten. Now, the

teeth of most flesh-eating animals are

poisonous, because unclean. A wolf

does not need to be mad for its bite to

produce death. Blood-poisoning is the

mevitable result of wolf-wounds when

neglected, or when the blood of the

victim is in an impure state. There are hundreds and hundreds of villages

in Russia where the entire population

of peasants are afflicted with hereditary

disease, and on whom the bite of any

wolf, mad or not mad, is liable to prove

That wolves do attack the Russian

mujiks occasionally may be accepted as

the fact. In the present case we have to imagine that the wolves, driven by

drive the brutes away

DUTCHMEN'S PAVORITE SPORT. Animated and Perturesque Sect the Skating-Grounds of Holland.

(St. James Gazette.) Holland is the paradise of skaters. In that odd country. "where up-trains run on the down line and the cows are tied to the ceiling by their tails," a great many things go by contraries, and skating is one of them. The weary waiting for a black frost to solidify the waters of deep lakes and treacherous ponds, which in England tantalizes the possessor of "Acmes," prevents his sleeping of nights, and drives skatemakers to suicide, is to the Hollander an unknown mortification. Not that he can obtain a frost by wishing for it, any more than the wind will rise by whistling from a hill therefor; but a comparatively slight frost serves his turn, and his skating is attended with much less danger than always lurks beneath the frozen surface of a mere. In a land which can be inundated in a few hours a sharp winter brings the best of skating to everybody's door. Skating is, indeed, almost the only violent exercise for which the Dutchman has any liking; and in the winter he holds high carnival on the ice. The number of skating clubs between northern Brabant and Groningen is infinite; but it is in the provinces north of the Zuyder Zee-Friesland and Groningen-that the best skaters are to be found. These are the classical training-grounds of the Dutch ice-artists.

When there is likelihood of a frost, the only thing necessary to secure a good "surface" is to open the sluices used for irrigation and inundate the great fist meadows. The operation is superintended by representatives of the skating clubs in the neighborhood. A space of some six or eight thousand feet in circumference is staked out around a given point, the water is allowed to flow in until it is of a convenient depths, and the sluices are then closed. Directly the ice is sufficiently thick (this winter it has sometimes not been more than three or four inches, owing to the impatience of skaters to be "at it," but it is usually much denser.) a number of workmen are told off to keep it clear of snow, should any fall, and to sweep it carefully at frequent intervals. Then begin a succession of skating competitions. These competitions are gotten up by the local skating club; sometimes they are international, but clubs and individuals are constantly competing among themselves. The prizes offered on these occasions are often of considerable money value. and the funds for providing them are supplied by the small sum charged for admission to the skating ground and entrance fees paid by the competitors. All the world skates when there is ice. for skating is as universal accomplish ment among all classes;, and the buxom-almost too buxom-Dutch ladies glide along with an ease and grace which come as a surprise to the foreigner who has remarked the awkwardness of their carriage in the streets. There are fashionable and unfashionable hours for skating, as for all things else, even in Holland, where fashion is less imperious than in some other countries. the morning the "society " people disport themselves; in the afternoon come the tradesmen and their wives; while in the evening the ice is crowded with workpeople and others whose business allows them no liberty till then. On the competition days the ice is reserved, during specified hours, to those who pirouette on skates for pelf. The best skaters, and those who

carry away the largest number of prizes, are usually crack members of crack clubs. As soon as the competitions and the value of the prizes are announced, the clubs scrutinize the lists and decide what prizes their members shall compete for. Those who are to represent the club are of course chosen for their skill; each society is, therefore, certain of being represented by its best men. As all the expenses of the representative to, from, and during a competition are paid by the club, the rank and file of the members have an inducement to excel likewise; for it is possible in this way to obtain a good thus gives his impressions of the bishmany pleasant holidays in the course of a winter without spending anything. The money won becomes the property of the club; and at the end of the season the total is equally divided among the members, a small balance only being carried over to the following win-

go into training as severely as professional pedestrians and bicyclists. For a week or eight days before the competition they live quietly and sparingly and drink but little schnapps. The abstinence of the national beverage, with its flavor of common gin in which a warm candle end has been actively stirred, must be a severe trial to a well-reguoctave of training the champion does very little work, abandoning himappears but rarely on the ice. When the hour fixed for the competition arrives, he is careful not to show himself until the last moment; and then places himself in evidence petitions are usually of three classes : swiftness, elegance, and the clearing of obstacles. The latter is amazingly delegates. difficult even to experts; yet there are in Holland a large number of skaters who can with ease and grace clear, in full career, the straw-covered spaces intended to represent natural obstacles

The most rapid "record" of the present season has been made not by a Hollander, but by a Dane named Chortance of 6,300 feet in three minutes next, each with three millions. and forty-four seconds. This feat gave him the victory over Paulsen, the Hamburg skater, himself the vanquisher of famous Dutch " artist " Broinsma. who was for some time the first of continental skaters. It may be interesting to add that the best Dutch skaters do not fix their skates solidly to their boots. They fasten them but slightly, with the point inclined inwards-a method of arrangement which, it is said, permits of much straighter progression than that generally in use in England.

A Dutch skating-ground during the fashionable morning hours is a very animated and picturesque scene, fall of brilliant spots of color. It is the highest mode for ladies to appear upon the ice with a posy or natural flowers, generally the offerings of male friends. The Dutch florists regard skating as an even more sacred institution than schnapps.

Temple Bar. About Paganini so many strange tales have been told that one never knews what to believe. He disappeared for three years, not from the world, but from the public platform. He reappeared with a quantity of duets for lin and guitar, and although a man of such skill on both instruments might, in the common course of composition, have written duets for his two chosen instruments, there is a generally-accredited legend that he passed three years in the bonds of tenderness and secrecy with a lady who played the guitar to perfec-tion, and that he wrote all these duets for her, or, to speak more accurately, for their mutual performance. At in-

teresting revelation in Paganini's life belongs to this period. He had gam-bled sgain and lost everything, and he was effering to sell his violin, estimated at £200, to a rich amateur for £80. But on the point of accepting, he dis-covered in his waistcoat-pocket 30f., with which he thought he would for yet ence more try his luck. How many such "last times" gamblers try, to be sure! He lost all his money down to a half crown, with which he won, played cleven times after each other quitte ou double, and eleven times he won. Then he took up £250 he had gained, got up, and never touched a card any more. Ferrara his life was in danger. A singer, Marcolini, disappointed him at the last moment, and the whim seized him to ask a dancer whom he knew, a Signora Pallerini, to fill the time between his soles with a pas seul. She pleased the audience, but suddeny a whistle was heard from the gallery; Paganini coming on, an-nounced that he would give an imitation of different animals, which he did with great cleverness, particularly the nightingale; when just as he was about finishing he advanced to the footlights and said: "Questo e per quelle che han fischiato," (that's for the whistlers.) at the same time, with all possible clearness, following a high note with a low one several times, and distinctly producing " hee haw-hee haw ! " The errarese peasants, who filled the gallery, taking this as an insult to them. were down in a moment, over the orchestra, on to the stage, so that flight by the back door and immediate departure from Ferrara was the only means to save Paganini from the inforiated mob. He happened to play before the Princess Pauline Borghese, sister of Napoleon I., when his chanterelle (the E string) snapped. Whether accident or his own design, the A broke after this, and he played so wonderfully on the two remaining strings a duet be-tween two lovers that the Princess said to him: "You do such incredible things, M. Paganini, with two strings, I am almost sorry that the D string - didn't give way too,

string. True, it was that man's hand ! New Emildings. The following buildings are being erected by Mr. J. W. T. Gilliam as

tion, of his bearers at this unparalleled

feat, and of the admiration which fol-

owed the first surprise, when they saw

what a man's hand could do with one

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contractor For Captain A. Pizzini, a fine diningsaloon on the second story of his new store, on Broad street between First and Second streets. This addition is a nice one, and adds greatly to his acommodations for social entertainments. If the weather permits, it will be finshed by the 1st of June.

For Mrs. B. T. Archer, two very de sirable houses corner First and Clay streets. They have all modern conveniences, and show a very handsome front on Clay street, having Mansard roof with stone and cathedral trim-

For Mrs. J. C. Cottrell, the fine three-story Mansard dwelling corner of Main and Reservoir streets, which will be occupied by the owner on the 15th of Ferdinand of Saxe-Coburg, this brideimprovements. The work has been delayed on account of the severe winter | The great historic houses of Germany weather.

bouse No. 717 east Grace street, which | able " complication of new relationships has all the modern improvements and a between royal families. good view of the south side of the city | Amelie's life has been quiet and unand the James river from its observa-

The Old Panel.

Conference correspondent of the Nash- eyes, and a charming little mouth. The ville American, Mr. S. A. Cunningham, ops (old panel):

capacity of presiding officer begun yesterday. It was Bishop McTyeire. He than any other member of the college. possess. Bishop Keener is in the chair to-day. The champions of the respective clubs He is the oldest man in the bishopric. Amelie's home has been chiefly in the champions as severely as professional training as severely as a severely as severely as a severely as a severely as a severely as a severely The sharp wrinkles on his clean-shaven face indicate age, but his thin, straight hair has very little gray in it, and his keen eye-much like that of the late Bishop Pierce—gives evidence of much remaining vigor. Bishop Wilson, next cess's honor was held a few days ago. in order, has undergone very little and which was a great event in "sochange. In presiding over the Conference he blends the authority of his lated Dutch constitution. During the high office with the genial warmth of a brother in a remarkable degree. Bishop Granbery certainly gratifies those who to repose, and, oddly enough, are most concerned in his official deportment. He is sufficiently posted on parliamentary rules, keeps all points in mind, and decides quickly all questions of controversy. Bishop Hargrove, with the youngest face, has the whitest hair with dramatic suddenness. The com- and beard. His deferential manner, combined with firmness, secures for him the respect, and affections, too, of

\$5,000 for the use of a London residence for ten weeks this spring and summer for himself and wife.

E. G. Spaulding stands at the front of the Buffalo (N. Y.) millionaires with five millions between him and poverty wald, who at Copenhagen skated a dis- F. H. Robb and I. S. Jewett come

Ex-Congressman Felton, the prominent Georgia Independent, has declared in favor of Major Bacon's nomination for Governor as against General Gordon, but he reserves his right to vote at all, sir." for a third candidate if one is nomina-

Alexander Sullivan, of Chicago, says there is no danger that that city will ever be ruled by Socialists. Next to Philadelphia, he says, there is no city in the Union where working people are so largely the owners of their own

A. B. Anderson, of Washington, has been requested to assume the mauagement of Miss Florence Molinelli, the young tragedienne, of Denver, Col., who made her debut during the season with Salvini. She is said to be the ideal Juliet, possessing great talent and beauty, and is of one of the first families of the West.

Oarsmen Crotty and Baker are now in daily training at Galveston for the national regatta, which takes place at Albany, N. Y., on July 22d, for the championship of the United States. They use a Texas-made shell, length 37 feet 6 inches; beam, 13 inches; bow, 4 inches, and stern, 34 inches, and weighs about 55 pounds. She has the Davis patent outriggers and row-

C. Vreeland. Hack-ensack, N. J., February 25, 1885, writes that he has been troubled with fever and ague fur over two years. Quinne would not cure him, though taken in very large doses. By taking five Brandreth's Fills a night for two weeks he was restored to pecfect braith.

A BOYAL WEDDING The Approaching Marriage of Princ

Carlos and Princess Amelie. The bridegroom in the royal murriage to take place at Lisbon on the 25th of this month is Prince Car'o. Duke of Braganza, heir to the crown



Count de Paris, who unites in himself the combined pretensions of both branches of the Bourbon stock to the French crown. The will of the Count de Chambord, "Henry V. King of France," as his adherents called him, instructed the Monarchical party throughout France to recognize the Count de Paris, grandson of the Orleanist King Louis Phillippe, as the legitimate claimant to the throne of France. In the event of the restoration of the monarchy in France, the crown would accordingly vest in the Count, or one of his beirs if after his decease. These facts give great importance to the wedding ceremony towards which all eyes are directed.

to leave you only one I should like to see what it is The bridegroom was born September possible even for a sorcerer like you to 28, 1863, the son of Louis I., King of tienne," said Paganini with the greatest Portugal, and his wife. Queen Pia. youngest daughter of King Vittorio equanimity, and he coolly took the D Emanuele of Italy. Accordingly the present King of Italy is his uncle. off and began his famous variations on the Prayer of Mose on the G alone. It Moreover, by the marriage of his royal grandmother, Queen Maria II., to Prince useless to try and give a description of the smarement, not to say stupefac-



The building has all the modern | groom of splendid connections is a member of the family of German sovereigns and France are united in this marriage, For Captain A. Pizzini, Jr., the which involves an almost "disentangle-

the general public until this marriage was arranged. Her beauty is extraordinary; she is slender and graceful, The well-informed and racy General with delicate features, lovely brown Countess, her mother, is said to have brought her up in a stingy manner, goes so far as to say that the lovely bride, who is twenty years old, has not

Since the downfall of the Empire banished during the reign of Napoleon III. Previously she had lived in Eng-Her father owns a mansion in ciety.

AND XPLNSING TELEPHONE.

It Really Bid Not Cost Him Anything.

but He Spent Seventy five Cents. New York World A young man walking up Fourth avenue in the gloaming yesterday sud-denly stopped when he remembered that he had forgotten to mail three important letters before leaving his office lown-town. He began to tell two other young men who were with him how forgetful he was. One of them said: "If you can telephone to your office inside of five mi-William K. Vanderbilt will pay nutes your clerk can just catch the early Richmond mail." Then the three young men began to look around for a telephone. One of them found a neat black-and-white sign in a big plateglass window, twenty feet away, which read: "Telephone Inside." They went inside the double doors of the plateglass place and the young man rang up and hurried along his letters. Then he asked a white-aproned youth who stood behind a carved bar how much he owed him for the phone. The youth waved his hands, smiled, and said : " Nothing

Gratitude beamed from the young man's eyes as he wheeled around to his friends and said, "What'll you take?" They both concluded to take brandy, and so did the young man himself. He laid down a silver dollar, pocketed a quarter, thanked the barkeeper for the use of the wire, and all three men went

"It's a great thing to have a telephone in a bar-room," said the whiteaprened young man to a gentleman who was lighting his cigar. "We have to pay the telephone company twenty cents for each time the instrument is used here, but we never think of charging people for it. You saw that gentleman give up seventy-five cents just now for drinks that he wouldn't have bought if it wasn't for the 'phone. 1 suppose anywhere from three to ten men use it every day, and it turns us in from \$1 to \$20, according to the number of friends as go with the man who telephones."

Mr. Dulany's Case.

We clip the following from the Alexandrin Gazette :

In your isst issue you mention the fact of H. Grafton Dulany having tendered coupons to the breasurer of Shemandoan county for his Siste larse. In explanation it is well to slate that these coupons were clipped from Sr. Dulany's own bonds, purchased during his minerity by this trustees from the State at over par, the proceeds being duly used in heliding public largrovements now lained and the city could not do better than to sented used tot the public weal. At the call of To the Editor of the Alexandria Gasette

his State in 1871 Mr. Dulany's bonds were fonded, be receiving one third of his delay in West Vinginia certificates which were practically worthless. Again, in 1879 he funded his a per cent, consols into a per cent, 10-40%, thereby relieving his rlate of one half the interest. Although sojourning cut of his State, he pany upon and is assessed by the State upon all his real and personal property here, and his state taxes alone amount to menny \$4 000. Mr. Dulany thinks he has done all that duty or patriolism requires, and refuses to fund his bonds, which have stood the test of the highest court in the land, at a discount of 40 per cent, into a bond without recurity, and to pay his taxes in money, when he holds the obligations of the State, stamped upon their five "receivable for all taxes and dues due the State." The State makes the issue with Mr. Dulany, and not be with the State.

As Mr. H. Grafton Dulany is

As Mr. H. Grafton Dulany is brought into the papers, we suppose we may be allowed to follow him there. Because Mr. Dulany, who is one of the wealthiest men in Virginia, owning a million of dollars' worth of property here and drawing an immense revenue from estates in Great Britain, was enabled to save, or to have saved for him, during the war the small pieces of paper on which his bonds were printed he seems to think they have become sacred. He makes no allowance for the people whose property could not be conceal and which was destroyed by fire, rapine, emancipation, or confiscation. He probably does not know that the State was as much bound to protect one class of property of her citizens as another, that a bond had no right which did not attach equally to a horse, a cow, a barn, a dwelling-house, a negro, or anything else which the Constitutions of the State and the United States recognized as property. He does not appear to think himself in any way called upon to consider the losses of his fellow-citizens in the same ship in a common cause, but to have a perfect right, with all his superfluity of means, take two thousand dollars, or the half of his taxes which he proposes to save by paying in coupons, from the scanty means of men who lost all when he risked comparatively nothing. If Mr. Dulany ever knew, he has

lost sight of that sublime precept of Confucius, which places the whole duty of man to man in the one word " reciprocity"; or, as a later and Divine authority phrases it, "whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you do ye even so to them." He labors under the difficulty that besets rich men. But Mr. Dulany, like that other young man" who had "great pos-

sessions," is amiable, well-meaning, good-tempered, and said to be capable of acts of proper generosity. But wealth breeds parasites, and these are sometimes as bad as "the dead flies " which " cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savor." Some of these seem to have got hold of Mr. Dulaney, who has

a facile temper, and to have persuaded him that he needs \$100,000 more in addition to the million he now has, and that he can get it by suing the Auditor of Public Accounts, the Second Auditor, the Treasurer, the Attorney-General, and the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Virginia for that sum, as damages resulting to him from their opinion, generally expressed, that the Auditor was correct in directing a levy on a man who refuses to submit his taxeccivable coupons to the test required When it becomes known, as it will

be, to the jury, composed of men of sturdy hard-sense of the Valley, that all he would have had to do in that case would have been to produce his bonds and take judgment, he will hardly be thought by them to have suffered to that extent, if at all; and the general opinion will be that he has been made the unsuspecting tool of shrewder men in an effort to bully the State by intimidating her officers.

picture.

POOR MAN. Hartsborn Memorial College [For the Dispatch.]
This institution for colored students This institution for colored students has this year given the public a series on your sled journey wherever you go. of entertaining exercises. First came the book reception, which brought the institution about one hundred and twenty volumes, some of them choice and valuable. Fifty volumes came from the Library Committee of Richmond College. At this time came also a contribution of \$100 for the building from Dr. Dickinson, of the Religious being mean notwithstanding her comHerald. Next came a missionery conmand of enormous wealth. Rumor cert given for the henefit of the Vermission in Africa, established by the Foreign Mission Convention of the United States. Then followed an evehis presence seems more authoritative waidrobe which a Princess should limited States. Then followed an eventies presence seems more authoritative waidrobe which a Princess should ning devoted to essays in competition for prizes. After this came the school exhibition, consisting of readings, essays, dialogues, and vocal and instrumental music. Those who were present expressed themselves as delighted with the indications given of thorough instruction on the part of the teachers. and of good work on the part of the pupils; and Thursday evening came the graduating exercises of the normal I never heard of a yemshik being atclass of 1886. Seven young women tacked by wolves while driving his sled presented essays and received the from one stanzia to the other. In very ormal diploma. Mary L. Groom, of severe winters, however, the run from Tolersville, showed that true greatness post-station to post-station is not alis manifest in service for others; Eliza ways completed without the excitement A. Jackson, of Richmond, showed the of being chased by the ugly brutes. true place and the importance of moral During my winter journey across Siand religious training in education; beria I was somewhat disappointed at Jesse C. Binga, of Manchester, spoke seeing so few wolves. In my journey of the Hygienic Care of the Body; Mary J. Jenkins, of Scottsville, gave an account of the Little Foxes that of 3,000 miles across the steppes I saw Spoil the Grapes of Hope and Excellence; Lucy E. Poindexter, of Louisa Courthouse, unfolded some of the lessons taught by that old and exacting school-master Experience; Addie W. Poindexter, of Louisa Courtbouse, showed the nature and the value of Truth, and the Evils of Deception; Harriet A. Miller, of Stony Point, discoursed of True Success in Life and the Price at which

it must be Won. In presenting the de-

plomas the president addressed the

suffer themselves to sink down from

the ideals and aspirations which had

animated them in their school-life.

Then came the announcement of prizes.

The Dr. Hatcher Prize, offered by

Dr. W. E. Hatcher, of Richmond, for

combined excellence of deportment and

scholarship was awarded to Miss Addie

The President's prizes for excellence in

English composition were awarded, the first to Miss Mabel A. Harris, of Pe-

Taylor, of Richmond. The college chapel

tion the presence of Mr. and Mrs. J. C.

W. Poindexter, of Louisa Courthouse.

class upon the danger that they would

only fourteen-eleven in one band, two in another, and one solitary brute at a istance prowling about on the ice of the Yeneesei. But the sled is a great place wherein to brood wolf stories. When you are lying down under your fors at night, and the sled passing quickly over the frozen roads, you imagine, if the weather is not extremely cold, that you can hear the deep growling of the wolves following your sled. If the weather is terribly cold, you hear what you imagine to be the short, quick yelping of a thousand famished brutes after you. It is a dreadful sound when you first hear it, but you soon learn to know that this peculiar noise which, assisted by the imagination, you fancy to be made by fiery-mouthed wolves, is caused by the wooden runners passing over the crisp snow. Travellers' Siberian wolf stories are, I am afraid, too often the result of imagination. No book of travels on Russia or Siberia would, of course, be complete without them. My first experience of the alleged wolf was tersburg; the second to Miss Harriet two days out from Orenburg. We A. Miller, of Stony Point; the third to were crossing the Ural mountains. It Miss Arenia J. Richardson, of Fin- was about midnight, when on one of the castle. Prizes for progress in instru-mental music, offered by Miss Maggie H. highest ridges, the jingle of the bells suddenly ceased, and the yemshik came M. Farrar, instructor, were given, the to say that he was off the road and first to Miss Arenia J. Richardson, of that the six horses could not extricate Fincastle; the second to Miss Georgia the sled from the snowbank into B. Young, of Oxford, N. C.; the third which he had run. I was inand an equal fourth to Miss Jessie C. side the sled with my interpreter. Binga, of Manchester, and Miss Celes- We emerged from our cosy nest of tine Brown, of Richmond. For excel- furs and looked around us. lence in written examinations in by- drift-storm was raging, and the nearest giene, two equal prizes were awarded post-station was ten miles away on the by the lady principal to Miss Willie L. White, of Farmville, and Miss Alice Cided to send two of the yemshiks (we was filled to its utmost capacity, and the most hearty commendations were and men. Seeing these depart, the yempresented on every side to teachers and shik-in-chief seemed to become posstudents. It is said that the city is sessed of terror at being left behind full of talk of the marked excellence of with the remaining horses, and he in-

the exercises presented. To those who sisted on following the other two. are specially interested in this institu-Perhaps he had good reason for doing this, since wolves were known to infest the mountains in great numbers, and disabled horses would certainly have proved a great attraction to them. Be this as it may, we watched the horses disappear over the ridge.
Finally, the jingle of bells could no

longer be heard. We were left alone. A strange feeling comes over the hearts of men left in such a dilemma. Might not the men who had gone for assistnot the men who had gone for ass ance get into still deeper drifts, and thus succor be delayed for an indefinite time? But we resolved to wait pa-tiently and to watch. We got out our weapons and determined should wolves appear to keep them off as well as we could, and if attacked to mount to the top of the sledge and there defend ourselves as well and as long as we could.

The wind drowned every noise. We could not hear any howling, but through the mist, a hundred and fifty or two hundred yards away, we discerned a small black point, which we certainly had not observed before, and the others, which we decided could only be wolves or else dwarf shrubs, cleared of spow by the driving blasts. We watched them closely. They seemed to move. We determined to give them a volley. We fired. The black spots were still there. Either we had made very lucky shots—a most improbable thing—or the points were only shrubs planted by the roadside to guide the sledge-drivers over the snowy wastes. Which they were am quite unable to say, although my interpeter, who had for three years been a dweller in Siberia, insisted on making wolves out of them in his picture. All I know is that at last, weary and chilled, careless whether wolves came or not, we got into our sledge, buried ourselves in our furs, and waited for deliverance. It was a long, anxious wait, and it was only after five hours had clapsed that we heard the welcome jingle of the harness bells. We were saved. But in the mean time we had slept soundly. The wolves were, I am afraid, nothing but bushes. Altogether my experiences of Siberian wolves were not exciting, and I am

compelled to say that those on the Orenhunger, attacked the live stock of a burg steppes are not in the habit of at-Russian communal village, and that the tacking travellers. They are arrant nineteen mujiks, including the priest, cowards; they may follow solitary received their wounds in attempting travellers, but as a rule they confin their attacks to the farm-yards of the their quarry. But that the wolves villages, or watch their opportunity were mad is questionable. They during the day to get at a young, juicy. were desperate and dangerous. but indiscreet horse that has wandered but that they had rabies has yet to be away from the drove, or a sheep that proved. There are thousands of peohas strayed away from the flock and ple who have been attacked by wolves their nomadic shepherds. During all in Russia who have recovered without my long journeys I saw, as I said, only showing any signs of hydrophobia. The besides the imaginery ones in pensants of the interior districts of the Urals. One evening, three days Russia have every winter to defend after the above adventure, while watchtheir stock from wolves, and sometimes to defend their own lives. But ing the dreary, snowy landscape, my companion suddenly shouted wolves do not attack human beings as Therethey are ' Sureenough, there a rule, and the Russian peasant is not were the wolves." I looked out of the particularly afraid of them. True, he sled and saw eleven of the brutes. may be attacked when coming home to They were as big again as good-sized his village on his sled, but wolves can foxes, and were passing quite across the generally get their booty at an easier road in front of us, in a very leisurely price than by attacking mujiks. The manner. After we had passed they artist, however, loves to depict scenes where a pack of wolves is seen in full stopped and calmly looked at us. ordered the yemshik to stop the team pursuit after a sled full of peasants. and, getting out of the sled, we had time to take out our rifles, load them. The povelist of Siberian exile life delights in dealing with wolf stories, and and fire before they ever attempted to especially loves to depict the peasant move. Even then they only went away rging his horses to their full gait and in a most dignified and insulting manhis wife preparing to throw the baby per. as if they were not quite sure what out as a sop to the infuriated brutes. There is one picture that was best to be done under the circumstances-whether to remain in the line is well known, since it has been the of fire, where they were comparatively rounds of the illustrated press of the safe, or, by running away, put themworld. It is the famous one by Schreyselves incautiously in the way of accier, representing a Russian courier in a dental and sudden death. Another sled drawn by six beautiful horses and time two wolves crossed the road and pursued by wolves. This picture is a waited for us to have a shot at them reminiscence from the Russo-Turkish before they thought of loping off to war of 1853-'55, when the artist spent a long time in Wallachia, Hungary,

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